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SUBA: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972 -
URUGUAY SECTION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECTION ON URUGUAY OF SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972, TO BE RELEASED TO PUBLIC APRIL 19:

QUOTE: JUAN M. BORDABERRY, THE VICTOR IN THE NOVEMBER 1971 ELECTIONS, WAS INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT ON MARCH 1, 1972. UNDER THE NEW PRESIDENT THE GOVERNMENT STEPPED UP ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE URBAN GUERRILLA TERRORISTS, THE TUPAMAROS. AT THE SAME TIME THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY DEPARTED FROM ITS TRADITION OF NONINVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND BECAME MORE INTERESTED IN DIRECTLY COMBATING WHAT IT PERCEIVED TO BE THE UNDERLYING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CAUSES OF THE TERRORIST THREAT.

QUOTE: URUGUAY' S NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT TOOK SOME STEPS TO CONTROL INFLATION AND IMPROVE THE BALANCE- OF- PAYMENTS SITUATION. U. S. PUBLIC LAW 480 SALES OF $13.7 MILLION OF COMMODITIES PROVIDED NEEDED FOODSTUFFS AT A TIME OF SERIOUS
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SHORTAGES AND SUPPORTED THE STABILIZATION PROGRAM. A MODEST U. S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINUED WITH $1.4 MILLION IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FY 1972, PRINCIPALLY IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, TAX ADMINISTRATION,

PUBLIC SAFETY, LABOR DEVELOPMENT, AND EXPORT PROMOTION. DISBURSEMENT OF U. S. LOANT.

2. EMBASSY HOPING TO ARRANGE FOR FULL SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES FOR SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS. BUSES AND SEDANS WITH POLICE ESCORT WILL TRANSPORT PARTICIPANTS TO AND FROM THESE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE DIFFCULT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO A PARTICIPANT WHO ELECTS TO MOVE ABOUT ON HIS OWN VOLITION AND NOT FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE. TO PROTECT PARTICIPANTS UNDER THESE CONDITIONS IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE ADVANCED NOTICE OF PLANNED MOVEMENTS AND TO REQUEST THE POLICE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL OVER AND ABOVE THE LARGE NUMBER BEING PROVIDED ALREADY.

4. SOME PARTICIPANTS HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THAT THEY DESIRE TO STAY ON IN IRAN AFTER THE CONFERENCE FOR PERSONAL REASONS, SUCH AS SIGHTSEEING IN TEHRAN OR TRAVELLING TO POINTS OF INTEREST OUTSIDE OF TEHRAN. THIS CREATES ANOTHER PROTECTION PROBLEM. DOES DEPARTMENT WISH US TO REQUEST THE POLICE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO THESE INDIVIDUALS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE? WE ARE RELUCTANT TO DO SO GIVEN HEAVY BURDEN WE ARE PUTTING ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES DURING CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE REPEATED WHEN CENTO MEETING CONVENES IN JUNE. ALTERNATIVE IS FOR DEPARTMENT TO ASK CHIEFS OF MISSION NOT TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE TEHRAN AFTER CONFERENCE BUT TO RETURN TO THEIR POSTS.
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5. AS WAS INDICATED IN REFTEL, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT URGE PARTICIPANTS TO COOPERATE FULLY BY RESTRICTING THEIR ACTIVITIES TO PROGRAMMED EVENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NOW EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN LIGHT OF RECENT PRESS REPORTS ON THE COM CONFERENCE.

END QUOTE

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND HAS

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NO SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE APPRECIATED IF ALL VISITORS TO TEHRAN WOULD RESTRICT THEIR ACTIVITIES AS REQUESTED AND PLAN TO DEPART TEHRAN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONFERENCE HAS ENDED. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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